

Obituary Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan

Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan Sahi, breathed his last on January 14, 2025 at Rawalpindi Institute of Cardiology, Rawalpindi (May Almighty Allah bless his soul). He left behind a mourning widow and five daughters besides one brother and loving sister. The National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council (NAEAC) Secretariat is in a state of disbelief on his sudden and untimely demise and pray to Allah, the Almighty to bless him *Jannat-ul-Firdaus* and give patience to his family to bear this enormous loss.

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Accreditation Visit of Agriculture & Allied Degree Programs at MNS-University of Agriculture, Multan

November 11, 2024

Muhammad Nawaz Shareef University of Agriculture, Multan (MNSUAM) is a HEC recognized public sector university of Pakistan chartered in 2013. Since 2016, MNSUAM has been rapidly advancing and has quickly gained a reputation as one of the fastest-growing academic institutions in the country. The university has also emerged in international rankings, including Time Higher Education Rankings 2022, WURI (World Universities with Real Impact). The MNSUAM main campus located at Old Shujabad Road Multan comprises 180 acres of land. The university also has a research and outreach station spanning 500 acres at Jalalpur Pirwala. The university offers 60 undergraduate and postgraduate programs, and the current enrollment is more than 7000 students. There are 5 faculties having 150 faculty members, most of them are PhD from various technologically advanced countries.



Five Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan Sahi, Chairperson NAEAC as a convener, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Sana Ullah, Institute of Soil & Environmental Sciences, University of Agriculture Faisalabad, Prof. Dr. Mian Anjum Murtaza, Institute of Food Science & Nutrition, University of Sargodha, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Nafees, Chairman, Department of Horticulture, The Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Prof. Dr. Ghulam Murtaza, Institute of Soil & Environmental Sciences, University of Agriculture Faisalabad, Dr. Muhammad Khalid Bashir, Institute of Agricultural & Resource Economics, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad as members conducted accreditation visit of Environmental Sciences, Food Science & Technology, Horticulture, Soil Science, and Agribusiness degree programs at MNSUAM.

Prof. Dr. Umar Farooq, Chairman, Department of Food Science & Technology, Prof. Dr. Irfan Baig, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences received AICs team. Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana, Vice Chancellor, MNS-University of Agriculture, Multan chaired the inaugural session held in VC-Office and shared the salient accomplishments of the university. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared the accreditation standards (8) and substandard (73) besides the



importance and significance of accreditation along with previous AICs recommendations. In this session, 4 accreditation certificates were distributed among HoDs/Chairmen Department of Agricultural Economics, Poultry Science, Human Nutrition & Dietetics and Seed Science & Technology accredited during last fiscal year. After the inaugural session certificates were distributed amongst the interneers and mentors at the Department of Food Science & Technology. This occasion was graced by Prof. Dr. Umar Farooq, Chairman Department of Food Science & Technology, Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan, Chairperson NAEAC.



Meanwhile the AICs moved to relevant departments where detailed presentations of departmental achievements as per itinerary were presented by relevant HoDs. AICs visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, experimental research area, sports facilities and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in the departments. In the afternoon, two major activities (curriculum review and meeting with individual faculty) were carried out. Each course file was checked for its contents like lecture breakdown, assignments and results. AICs also held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment and job satisfaction level and student teacher interaction.

In the end, Prof. Dr. Irfan Baig, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, MNSUAM chaired the concluding session where program evaluators/experts shared their observations. Prof. Dr. Irfan Baig, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, MNSUAM thanked NAEAC team for their inspection visit and assured that the recommendations made by AICs would be implemented to augment the skills of the graduates.



Accreditation and Zero Visit of Agriculture & Allied Degree Programs at BZU, Multan

November 12, 2024

The University of Multan was established in 1975 by an Act of the Punjab Legislative Assembly. To pay homage to the Great Saint, the name was changed from University of Multan to Bahauddin Zakariya University in 1979. The University College of Agriculture was established in Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan in 1989 with major subjects related to Agricultural Education. Later on, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences & Technology was established in 2012 with 10 major departments of Agriculture (Agronomy, Horticulture, Soil Science, Plant Breeding & Genetics, Entomology, Food Science & Technology, Forestry & Range Management, Plant Pathology, Agriculture Business & Marketing and Agricultural Engineering). The department of Food Sciences and Technology was upgraded with an independent Faculty of Food Science and Nutrition in 2022 with four departments (FST, HND, Dairy Technology and Food Safety & Quality Management). Faculty of Veterinary Sciences is also working as an independent faculty.



Five Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener, Prof. Dr. Umar Farooq, Faculty of Food & Home Economics, MNS-University of Agriculture, Multan, Prof. Dr. Nasir Nadeem, Department of Agribusiness & Applied Economics, MNS-University of Agriculture, Multan, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Ex-CSO, Animal Science Institute, NARC/Secretary NAEAC, Prof. Dr. Tanveer Hussain, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture & Environment, The Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Prof. Dr. Azeem Iqbal, Department of Plant Breeding & Genetics, University of Agriculture Faisalabad as members conducted accreditation visit of Food Safety & Quality Management, Agriculture Business & Marketing, Dairy Technology, Forestry and Plant Breeding & Genetics degree programs at BZU, Multan.

Prof. Dr. Nazim Hussain, Dean, Faculty of Agricultural Sciences & Technology, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Riaz, Chairman, Food Safety & Quality Management, Prof. Dr. Shakeel Ahmad, Department of Agronomy received AICs teams. AICs moved to relevant departments where detailed presentations of departmental achievements as per itinerary were given by relevant HoDs. AICs

visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, experimental research areas, sports facilities and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in the departments. Curriculum review and meeting with individual faculty were carried out. Each course file was checked for its contents like lecture breakdown, assignments and results. AICs held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment and job satisfaction level and student teacher interaction. The certificates were distributed amongst the interneers and mentors into the Departments of Food Science & Technology and Human Nutrition & Dietetics sponsored by GAIN. This occasion was graced by Prof. Dr. Muhamad Riaz, Chairman, Department of Food Safety & Quality Management, Prof. Dr. Tauseef Sultan, Chairman, Department of Human Nutrition & Dietetics, Muhammad Faraz Afzal, Assistant Director Coordination, NAEAC and faculty members of FST & HND departments.



In the end, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Zubair Iqbal, Vice Chancellor, BZU, Multan chaired the concluding session where program evaluators/experts shared their observations. This session was attended by Dean, HoDs and other faculty members. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Zubair Iqbal, VC, thanked NAEAC team for their inspection visit and assured that the recommendations made by AICs would be implemented to increase the standard of education and to expand the skills of the graduates.



Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar for Human Nutrition & Dietetics Degree Program at Superior College, Mian Channu

November 13, 2024

Superior Group of Colleges Mianchannu has taken a marvelous step in providing basic nutritional education to the community of Mianchannu. In 2019, Superior College started its journey from five undergraduate programs and extended its academic series to the needful discipline of allied sciences under the name of BS in Human Nutrition and Dietetics. Currently, 3 batches are running with 54 enrolled students. Students come from Mianchannu city and nearby villages which ensures a great opportunity for the whole community.



A Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar was conducted for Human Nutrition & Dietetics program at Superior College, Mian Channu. Mr. Muhammad Shoaib, Principal, Superior Group of Colleges Mianchannu, Ms. Rimsha Nazir, Head of Department of Human Nutrition and Dietetics and faculty members of the Human Nutrition and Dietetics received and welcomed the honorable guests Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary and Mr. Muhammad Faraz Afzal, Assistant Director Coordination, NAEAC.

The seminar started at 10:15 am with the recitation of Holy Quran by a student of HND department followed by Naat Sharif at seminar room of Superior College Mianchannu. Mr. Shoaib Khan, Principal of the Superior Group of Colleges Mianchannu presented a brief overview of the college including infrastructure, undergraduate programs, and other activities. Then Ms. Rimsha Nazir, HoD added the details about the HND program. She briefly explained the educational system, internship opportunities and nutritional activities performed by HND department. After that, the guest speaker Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC delivered his talk on "Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education". The main objective of this talk was to explain the overall process of accreditation and its significance in maintaining the quality of education. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar introduced the NAEAC, explained the evaluation criteria for the accreditation process which comprised of 8 main criteria and 73 sub criteria. He also explained the impact of accreditation on quality improvement employing the data for the last 16 years. After the seminar, question answer session was held where many queries were discussed in depth.



The seminar was attended by admin staff of Superior College, focal persons, academic coordinators, faculty members and students of the HND department. Mr. Muhammad Shoaib, Principal, Superior Group of Colleges Mianchannu thanked the team members and assured that the administration will try to fulfil the requirements of accreditation by NAEAC.



9th Region-wise One Day Training Workshop for NAEAC Program Evaluators at University of Sargodha

November 14, 2024

NAEAC was established in 2005 with the mission to improve the standard and quality of agriculture and allied education based on established policies, procedures and criteria prescribed by HEC to meet emerging challenges of knowledge economy.





One of the function of the council is to develop and update the roster of program evaluators/subject experts. Since 2007-08, council has been maintaining the roster that consists of experts of more than 16 discipline of Agriculture.

Four training workshops were conducted in 2011, 2012, 2015 and 2017 about 120 evaluators were trained. The new Chairperson, Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan took the initiative to expand the program evaluators pool in each discipline of Agriculture and Allied Sciences. The public/private sector universities and research departments were requested to nominate senior teachers/researchers for participation in accreditation process as and when required. Consequently, NAEAC received more than 400 nominations across the country. It was difficult to accommodate/manage one training workshop at Islamabad. Hence it was decided that region wise training workshop may be arranged. In this regard, 9th region-wise training workshop was arranged at University of Sargodha on November 14, 2024.

The training workshop was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, Vice Chancellor, University of Sargodha (UoS). The Vice Chancellor appreciated this initiative and emphasized that this type of training will not only facilitate the NAEAC but also add in quality education in the respective institutions. Four training modules were prepared as follows:

- i. Quality assurance and accreditation process of NAEAC
- ii. Program evaluation criteria and standards/sub-standards (Toolkit)
- iii. Introduction of Agriculture Accreditation Automation System (AAAS)
- iv. Roles and responsibilities of Program Evaluators, AIC report writing and SWOT analysis

Thirty program evaluators representing different disciplines of Agriculture and Allied Sciences from University of Sargodha participated in the training workshop. The trainers were



Secretary NAEAC and Assistant Director Coordination. The concluding session was graced by Prof. Dr. Athar Nadeem, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Sargodha. Certificates were distributed among the participants of the workshop. The National Student internship initiative on Food System Dashboard certificates were also distributed amongst the internees and mentors of the Institute of Food Science & Nutrition sponsored

by GAIN. This certificate distribution occasion was also graced by Prof. Dr. Athar Nadeem, Dean Faculty of Agriculture, Prof. Dr. Zafar Hayat, Principal College of Agriculture, University of Sargodha, Prof. Dr. Mian Anjum Murtaza, Director, Institute of Food Science & Nutrition and Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC.



Pre-Accreditation/Zero Visit of HND degree Program at Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University, Peshawar

November 22, 2024

Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University (SBBWU), Peshawar is the first ever female university of the KP province established in September 2004. The university started functioning in a borrowed building in 2005 by the provincial government and later in 2018 shifted to its purpose-built main campus spreading over an area of 400 Kanals at Charsadda Road. The university is offering BS, M.Phil/MS, PhD programs in 24 departments under two faculties; Faculty of Science and Faculty of Social Sciences. There are 21 Government Girls Colleges affiliated with the university offering a range of Associate Degree and BS Degree Programs. The current student strength in university is more than five thousands. The SBBWU was ranked 98th in world by Times Higher Education for the year 2023.

Accreditation Inspection Committee (AIC) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ayub, Chairman Department of Food Science & Technology, The University of Agriculture, Peshawar and Mr. Zafar Ali, Software Engineer, NAEAC,



as members conducted pre-accreditation/zero visit of the HND degree program. Ms. Mahwish Asmat Ullah, Deputy Director, QEC, SBBWU received the AIC members. Prof. Dr. Safia Ahmed (TI), VC, SBBWU, Peshawar and other faculty members joined the AIC on a dinner in Service Club Peshawar on November 21, 2024.

On November 22, 2024, the inaugural session was held in the Vice Chancellor office where Prof. Dr. Safia Ahmed (TI) Vice Chancellor, SBBWU, Peshawar chaired the inaugural session. Ms. Mahwish Asmat Ullah, Deputy Director, QEC, SBBWU presented a brief overview of the university. Then, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared the accreditation rubrics (8) and sub-criteria (73) in addition to highlighting significance of accreditation. Later, Dr. Bushra Ahmad, HoD of the department gave a presentation in detail about Food & Nutrition department as per itinerary.



After the presentations, AIC visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, sports facilities, daycare center, hostel facility in addition to ORIC, Youth Development Center and faculty offices. The AIC held interaction with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/practical performance. After the lunch, two major activities (curriculum review and meeting with individual faculty) were carried out. Each course file was checked for its contents like lecture breakdown, assignments and results. AIC held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment and job satisfaction level and student teacher interaction. Most of the faculty and staff showed their concern for the working environment and practical classes.

In the concluding session, the subject expert shared his observations with the Vice Chancellor. This session was attended by HoD and senior faculty members of the department. Ms. Mahwish Asmat Ullah, Deputy Director, QEC thanked the NAEAC team for their day-long deliberations and inspection visit of the program.



Accreditation visit of FST and Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar for HND Degree Programs at Govt. College Women University, Faisalabad

December 03, 2024

Government College Women University Faisalabad (GCWUF) started its journey as an intermediate college in 1934. It was promoted to Degree College in the year 1944 and postgraduate disciplines were introduced in 1985. The long journey that started with the humble beginning, reached its climax when the status of University was granted on 5th January 2013. There are 04 faculties including Faculty of Science & Technology. The university offers 37-Bachelor, 3-Associate Degree Programs, 10-M.Phil. and 4-PhD degree programs in different faculties.



An Accreditation Inspection Committee (AIC) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener, Dr. Farhan Saeed, Chairman, Department of FST, Government College University Faisalabad as member conducted accreditation visit of Food Science & Technology (FST) degree program at GCWUF.

Prof. Dr. Aysha Sameen, Chairperson Department of FST, Dr. Ma-diha Ilyas, HoD, Nutritional Sciences and other faculty members of FST, GCWUF received and welcomed the guests. The inaugural session was started with the recitation of Holy Quran followed by Naat-e-Rasool Maqbool (SAW). Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli, Pro-Vice Chancellor, GCWUF formally welcomed the guests and chaired the inaugural session. Dr. Sadia Asam, Registrar, GCWUF presented an overview of NAEAC and highlighted the accreditation process.





Later, Prof. Dr. Aysha Sameen, Chairperson Department of FST, GCWU, Faisalabad briefed the AIC in detail about working of the FST department and achievements in terms of student graduation, faculty positions and research projects. AIC visited the departmental infrastructure (including labs, classrooms, faculty offices and baking hall) and general facilities (like hostels, daycare center, medical facility, transport and sports) provided by the university. Subject expert held meetings with the students to get an insight teaching/working environment in the department. AIC also held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment and job satisfaction level.

Concurrently, a Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar was conducted for Human Nutrition & Dietetics at GCWUF. The guest speaker Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC delivered his talk on "Quality Assurance and Accreditation in Higher Education". The main objective of this talk was to explain the overall process of accreditation and its significance in maintaining the quality of education. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar introduced the NAEAC, explained the evaluation criteria for the accreditation process which comprised of 8 main criteria and 73 sub criteria. He also explained the impact of accreditation on quality improvement employing the data for the last 16 years. The seminar was attended by administration, focal person, academic coordinators, faculty members and students of the HND department. Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen, Vice Chancellor, GCWUF also shared her wisdom and appreciated the department for organizing such a wonderful event and entering in the accreditation process of NAEAC.

In the exit meeting, program evaluator shared their observations with Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen, Vice Chancellor, GCWUF, Director QEC, Dean, Incharge, FST Department and other faculty members. Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen, VC thanked the NAEAC team for their day-long deliberations and inspection visit of the FST degree program and assured the recommendations made by AIC would be implemented to raise the standard of education and to improve the skills of the graduates.



Accreditation Visit of Human Nutrition & Dietetics Degree Program at Minhaj University, Lahore

December 10, 2024

Minhaj University Lahore (MUL) was founded in 1986 by Shaykh-

ul-Islam Prof. Dr. Muhammad Tahir-ul-Qadri, patron-in-chief of Minhaj-ul-Quran International. Degree awarding status was granted by Govt. of the Punjab vide Act No: XII of 2005. The Higher Education Commission of Pakistan has also recognized Minhaj University as "W3" category. It comprises of more than 11 faculties, 36 schools where offering more than 150 degree programs. The current year intake of undergraduate students is more than 1792. Further about 36% students get scholarship. The university have more than 700 faculty members and staff 1326.



An Accreditation Inspection Committee (AIC) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener, Prof. Dr. Sanaulah Iqbal, Chairman, Department of Food Science & Human Nutrition, UVAS, Lahore as member conducted accreditation visit of Human Nutrition & Dietetics degree program at Minhaj University, Lahore.



Dr. Khurram Shahzad, Registrar, MUL, Dr. Muhammad Jawad Iqbal, Director Academics, MUL and Dr. Saleha Hameed, HoD, Department of HND received the guests. The inaugural session was held in the conference room of VC office where Prof. Dr. Sajid Mehmood Shahzad, Vice Chancellor, MUL chaired the inaugural session and formally welcomed the NAEAC team and Prof. Dr. Javeid Iqbal, Dean, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences was also present in this session. Dr. Khurram Shahzad, Registrar, MUL briefed the AIC about the accomplishments of Minhaj University, Lahore. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC, presented an overview of NAEAC and highlighted the accreditation process.

Later AIC moved to school of HND where Dr. Saleha Hameed, HoD, Department of HND briefed the AIC in detail about working of the school of HND and achievements in terms of student graduation, faculty positions and research projects. AIC visited the school's infrastructure (including labs, classrooms, faculty offices and baking hall) and general facilities (like business incubation center, QEC, ORIC, Controller of Examination, daycare center, medical facility, transport and sports)

provided by the university. Subject expert held meetings with the students to get an insight teaching/working environment in the department. AIC also held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment and job satisfaction level.

The concluding session was also chaired by Prof. Dr. Sajid Mehmood Shahzad, Vice Chancellor, MUL where program evaluator/expert shared his observations. The Registrar, HoD, other officials and faculty members were also present. The expert Prof. Dr. Sanaullah Iqbal admired the administration for taking action on previous recommendations and also suggested a few areas where further improvement/input is inevitable. Dr. Khurram Shahzad, Registrar, MUL thanked NAEAC team for their day-long deliberations and inspection visit and assured that the recommendations made by AIC would be implemented to augment the standard of education and to expand the skills of the graduates.



Accreditation and Zero Visit of Agriculture Degree Programs at University of Swabi

December 16, 2024

University of Swabi (UoSwabi) was established in 2012 with the mission to advance knowledge and learning through quality research and education for the whole nation. Currently, the university comprises of two campuses, old campus and main campus having a combined area of 188 acres near M1 Motorway. There are two faculties and 26 academic departments at The University of Swabi. Currently more than 4500 students are enrolled in BS and MS/MPhil degree programs. There are one boys, one girls and one staff hostel at the old campus while more hostels are under construction at new campus. The Central Library consists of more than 20,000 books of different disciplines which has been shifted in new campus but still need proper place.

Three Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener, Prof. Dr. Amjad Iqbal, Chairman, Department Food Science & Technology, Abdul Wali Khan University, Mardan and Dr. Muhammad Akmal, Department of Soil Sciences, PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi as members conducted accreditation visit of Food Science & Technology and Soil Science while Dr. Adil Hussain, Department of Entomology, Abdul Wali Khan University, Mardan as member conducted Pre-accred-

itation/Zero visit of Plant Pathology at University of Swabi.

Mr. Waqar Ahmad, Registrar, UoSwabi, Dr. Hidayat Ullah, Chairman, Department of Agriculture, UoSwabi, other faculty members received and welcomed AICs teams. Prof. Dr. Mian Sayed Khan, Vice Chancellor, UoSwabi chaired the inaugural session where Registrar, Representative of QEC, Treasurer, ORIC and concerned faculty members were also present. Dr. Hidayat Ullah, Chairman, Department of Agriculture brief the AICs about University of Swabi accomplishments. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared the process and significance of accreditation.



Then AICs moved to relevant departments where detailed presentations and discussions were held. Each HoD (Food Science & Technology, Soil Science and Plant Pathology) presented the departmental achievements as per itinerary. AICs visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, experimental research area and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in the departments. After lunch, two major activities (curriculum review and meeting with individual faculty) were carried out. Each course file was checked for its contents like lecture breakdown, assignments, attendance and results. AICs held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment and job satisfaction level.



In the concluding session of the visit, the program evaluators/experts shared their observations with Vice Chancellor, Director QEC, HoDs, other officials and faculty members. Prof. Dr. Mian Sayed Khan, Vice Chancellor, UoSwabi thanked NAEAC team for their day-long deliberations and inspection



visit and assured that the recommendations made by AICs would be implemented to augment the skills of the graduates.



Quality Assurance & Accreditation Awareness Seminar for Environmental Sciences Degree Program at Aror University of Art, Architecture, Design & Heritage, Sukkur

December 23, 2024

The Aror University of Art, Architecture, Design and Heritage established near Sukkur at Rohri bypass N-5 National Highway in the vicinity of ancient historical town of Aror, once the capital of Sindh. The land of the university is 60 acres. The university offers the graduate, postgraduate and advance studies in the field of architecture, environmental science, textile design, fashion design, civil engineering, media sciences, archaeology, photography, interior design, communication design, ceramics and other disciplines. Current total enrollment is more than 1000 students. There are 62 qualified faculty members in the university ranging from professors to lecturers.

The NAEAC team reached the Aror University on December 23, 2024 very early in the morning. They were accommodated at the campus guest house for stay. Dr. Sabab Ali Shah, Chairman Department of Environmental Sciences met the team at guest house and then left together for the university. Before seminar, Chairman of Environmental Sciences (Dr. Sabab Ali) presented the overview of the university and the department. All faculty members and Prof. Dr. Zameer Hussain Abro, Dean Faculty of Design



participated in this meeting. The Dean faculty of Design, welcomed the honorable guests (Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC and Mr. Abdullah, Deputy Director Programs NAEAC) at the campus.

The seminar was held in the Senate Hall of the campus especially built for recording conference proceedings. Mr. Zafarullah acted as the stage secretary and initiated the seminar by reciting the Holy Quran by Dr. Akhtar Hussain Lashari. Mr. Zafarullah invited the Dean, faculty of Design, Prof. Dr. Zameer Hussain Abro for welcome speech. The guest speaker Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC delivered the talk on "Quality assurance and accreditation role in higher education".



Talk mainly comprised NAEAC history, accomplishments, accreditation process details, standards, substandard and outcome of the accreditation process in terms of rating the degree programs. During question-answer session, further clarifications were made regarding the time lag between the awareness seminar & zero visit and then accreditation visit. The seminar was attended by In-charges Academics, Quality Control Cell, Librarian, all faculty members and students of the Environmental Sciences degree program. After the group photo NAEAC team along with the administration and faculty members paid a campus visit. The department of Environmental Sciences and its main labs including Environmental Chemistry Lab, Environmental Microbiology Lab, Soil and Environment Lab, Biodiversity Conservation Lab and Water Quality Lab were thoroughly visited by the NAEAC team. They were comprehensively briefed by Lab Engineers and the Chairman along with faculty members.

A short meeting with the Prof. Dr Zahid Hussain Khand, Vice Chancellor, Aror University was held in the VC Office after the seminar. During discussion, the Worthy VC highlighted the role of accreditation councils established by HEC for improving





the education quality. VC and HoD ES thanked the guest speaker and assured that the administration will fulfill the accreditation requirements of NAEAC to maintain the quality of education and increase the market value of their graduates.

Pre-Accreditation/Zero Visit of Plant Pathology Degree Program at Mir Chakar Khan Rind University, Sibi

December 24, 2024

Mir Chakar Khan Rind University (MCKRU), Sibi was established in 2019 as a public institute. At that time MCKRU, Sibi had 30 students and 4 departments, while now the number of students is more than 1700. Seven departments are offering 16 degree programs. The Balochistan government has provided 250 acres of free land on Nadi Gaj Road to Mir Chakar Khan Rind University, where the civil work of boundary wall had been completed and academic blocks, hostels and other projects work will be started soon.



An Accreditation Inspection Committee (AIC) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener, Mr. Abdullah, Deputy Director Programs NAEAC, HEC, Islamabad and Prof. Dr. Sultan Maitlo Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, The University of Larkano as member conducted pre-accreditation/zero visit of Plant Pathology degree program. Before the inaugural session a short meeting was held with Prof. Dr. Jan Vash Karim, VC, MCKRU who formally welcomed NAEAC team. He highlighted major accomplishment of the university. The inaugural session was held in the committee room where Prof. Dr. Abdul Naeem, Dean, MCKRU formally welcomed NAEAC team and the evaluator. Dr. Liaqat Shah, Registrar briefed the AIC about



the accomplishments of Mir Chakar Khan Rind University. Later, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC shared NAEAC criteria for degree program evaluation along with the significance of accreditation.

Detailed presentation of departmental achievements as per itinerary were given by Dr. Ifran Ahmad, Focal Person of the department. AIC visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, support facilities and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in the departments. Course files were checked for its contents like lecture breakdown, attendance, assignments and results. AIC held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment and job satisfaction level.



Prof. Dr. Abdul Naeem, Dean, MCKRU and his team thanked AIC for their deliberations and inspection visit and assured that the recommendations made by AIC would be implemented to enhance the standard of education and to ensure the skills of the graduates.



Accreditation Visit of Food Science and Human Nutrition & Dietetics Degree Programs at Ziauddin University Karachi

December 26, 2024

Ziauddin University is HEC recognized degree awarding institution in private sector which was founded in the memory of Sir Dr. Ziauddin Ahmad, a renowned academician, philosopher, mathematician and political figure. His vision was to spread quality education amongst the Muslims of the subcontinent. The first step towards the development of an academic arm of the



the Ziauddin Group was taken in 1986 when the School of Nursing was established and recognized by Pakistan Nursing Council. The school was transformed into the College of Nursing in 2009 and was offering various programs for graduate and undergraduate students since then. Earlier in August 1994, the Government of Sindh granted permission for the establishment of the Dr. Ziauddin Postgraduate Institute of Medical Sciences. By the virtue of this ordinance, the institute could grant its own Postgraduate degrees and diplomas. A year later in October 1995, the Sindh Assembly passed an Act (VI of 1995) for the establishment of Ziauddin Medical University which was given the Charter as Ziauddin University vide 'The Ziauddin University' (Amendment ACT 2003) on December 13, 2005.



Two Accreditation Inspection Committees (AICs) comprising of Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary NAEAC as a convener, Mr. Abdullah, Deputy Director Programs NAEAC, Prof. Dr. Saghir Ahmed Sheikh, Chairman, Department of Applied Sciences, Hamdard University, Karachi and Dr. Syed Ghufuran Saeed, Associate Professor, Department of Food Science & Technology, University of Karachi as members conducted Accreditation visit of FST & HND degree programs.

Prof. Dr. Fahad Azim, Campus Director and Dean, Faculty of Engineering Science and Technology, Prof. Dr. Sumaira Farooqui, Dean, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, Registrar and Director QEC received the guests. Prof. Dr. Nida Hussain, Pro-Chancellor, Ziauddin University Karachi formally welcomed NAEAC and AIC teams. She chaired the inaugural session in the conference room. Prof. Dr. Fahad Azim, Campus Director presented a brief overview of the University.

Then AICs moved directly to relevant departments, where detailed presentations of departmental accomplishments as per itinerary were given by the HoDs of respective departments. AICs



visited departmental infrastructure including labs, classrooms, library, faculty offices, sports facilities and held meeting with students of the department to get an insight of teaching/working environment in these disciplines. After the lunch, two major activities (curriculum review and individual faculty meeting) were carried out. Each course file was checked for its contents like lecture breakdown, assignments and examination results. AICs held individual faculty meeting to know the working environment, job satisfaction level and student teacher interaction. In the concluding session of the visit, program evaluators/experts shared their observations with Prof. Dr. Sumaira Farooqui, Dean, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, Prof. Dr. Saad



Jawaid Khan, Principle, College of Engineering & Technology and HoDs/officials/faculty members. Dean, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences thanked NAEAC team for their day-long deliberations and inspection visit and assured that the recommendations made by AICs would be implemented to augment the standard of education and to expand the skills of the graduates.

Obituary Prof. Dr. Fayyaz-ul-Hassan (Rest in Peace) Chairperson NAEAC

May 15, 1963 – January 14, 2025

Prof. Dr. Fayyaz completed his undergraduate and postgraduate degrees in Agronomy from University of Agriculture, Faisalabad in 1986 and 1988 respectively. He did Ph.D. from University of Wales Aberystwyth (UK) in 1995. Later on he did Post Doc from Curtin University of Technology, Perth, Australia in 2007. He started his professional career from Department of Agriculture Govt. of Punjab in 1989. He joined PMAS-Arid University, Rawalpindi as Assistant Professor in 1998. He was promoted to Associate Professor and Professor in 2004 and 2007 respectively. He retired from university as acting Vice Chancellor on May 14 2023. Lastly, he joined NAEAC as Chairperson and served for about one and a half year. He was very hardworking, honest, dedicated and possess high leadership qualities. His social networking was another unique personal trait which always played a vital role in smooth functioning of NAEAC activities at HEC levels and beyond. He used to resolve difficult matters with smiley face and strong persuasive nature. His services for the advancement and amelioration of NAEAC will always be acknowledged, praised and admired. Last but not the least his "Tree Plantation Drive" without any cost to HEC, H-8/1 campus will be continuous "Sadqa" for him.